

DAY 19:

TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S PRESENCE AND POWER

Psalm 43:3-4:: Send me your light and your faithful care, let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy mountain, to the place where you dwell. Then I will go to the altar of God, to God, my joy and my delight. I will praise you with the lyre, O God, my God.

I remember the first time I really felt the presence of God. Not those moments of 'Jesus Chills' where you know the Spirit is leading you on to something, but the first time there was weight and a person alongside, that Presence when the Holy Spirit wasn't just prompting, but came down in force. It all happened when I was 13 and I was at a youth camp in County Durham.

I was in a field on my own, looking up at the stars and then it happened. It felt like something descended on me from the stars I was gazing up at and for the first time I knew peace. I felt so relieved, I laughed to myself and then I cried, realising no matter what I did in this life it would have purpose.

I started to pray about what was happening. I talked to the Holy Spirit as He was moving upon me... I started to speak in a language I neither understood nor have ever learnt. I knew life has never been the same.

- Have you met and encountered the Holy Spirit of God? When and where was that? If not then ask God, receive with faith whether you feel it or not.
- How are you different because of that moment? What has changed in and around you because of that?
- As we begin to draw our time of fasting to a close, where has God shown up?

PRAYER:

God, I pray that Your Spirit comes down in real and powerful ways in my life. Come alongside me today and demonstrate who You are. Show me the power of Your radical love, show me who I am because of what You have done, and show me how that can impact those around me with Your will and love. Come alongside me in my interactions with others, in my conversations with You, and in how I treat my family and my friends. Be near to me, show me Your presence and Your power, and make me a different person because of how You love me. But more than anything, I pray that You show up in my life. I acknowledge that there is no church, there is no faith without You, and so I pray that You are present and vibrant in all that I think, say, and do.